



Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge 2012 Amateur Photo Contest



Capture the essence of Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge on film! Share your images with others by entering our 5th Annual Amateur Photo Contest. **Only 1** entry per category may be submitted. **Closing date Fri., August 31, 2012!**

Entries should be submitted in these 8 categories:

1. **Bird Life** - Photographs in which the main feature shown is a bird or birds at the Refuge.
2. **Other Wildlife** - Photographs of species other than birds would be featured in this category, including: mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects, etc.
3. **Animal Behavior** - These photographs should have action: Birds, mammals or other wildlife interacting with each other, nesting, feeding, preening, defending territory, etc. The image should be more than just a portrait.
4. **Scenic: Landscape/Habitat** - Scenic vistas, and beautiful landscapes and habitat of the Refuge
5. **Scenic: Sunrise/Sunset** - colorful shots of the sunrise or sunset over the Refuge wetlands.
6. **Creative Nature** - Get creative! Enhance your images using computer software or creative angles, camera settings, filters, etc. **NOTE:** This is the **ONLY** category where you may manipulate or modify your original image.
7. **Recreation/Education** - Show people enjoying the Refuge; bird watching, hunting, taking pictures, fishing or participating in one of our educational programs or activities.
8. **YOUTH**— this category can be an image from any of the categories above, but must be taken by a photographer under the age of 18, to encourage more participation by our young visitors.

Contest Rules and Requirements

1. All entries must be photographed at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. Photos should be 5" x 7" and may be black and white or color. Images should be printed on glossy photo paper. They cannot be matted or framed.
2. A high resolution digital copy of your entry **must** also be submitted with your image. You may send this on a disk or email it to: jason_stsauver@fws.gov.
3. Cropping is allowed but any color modifications or adding elements not existing in the original image will not be accepted. **EXCEPTION:** The "Creative Nature" category. See #5 above.
4. Complete the entry form found on the back of this poster, and affix it to the back side of your image. You may also write necessary information on the back of your image. For each photo the following information **must** be included on the back of the photo: Photographer's name, address, phone number, email, category entered, name of the photo and date the image was taken. Mail all entries to: Bear River Refuge Photo Contest, 2155 West Forest Street, Brigham City, UT 84302. You may also drop off entries at the Wildlife Education Center, located one block west of Interstate 15 at exit #363 (Forest Street) in Brigham City, Utah. The center is open 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday-Friday; 10:00am - 4:00pm Saturdays. The center is closed Sundays and all federal holidays.
5. **All entries must be received by August 31, 2012.**
6. All submitted prints will become the property of Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. The photographer grants unlimited use of submitted photographs by the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge and Friends of the Bear River Refuge for publications, displays, web pages, presentations and other promotional products. Credit will always be given to the photographer. The photographer retains the copyright to their photos. Photos **WILL** be displayed at the Wildlife Education Center and winning photos on the website.
7. Photographers must be non-professional; this is an amateur contest. *For the purposes of this contest, a professional photographer is considered to be a photographer who has clients, depends on photography for their income, markets their services and/or writes off their expenses as a business owner.*
8. Winners will be announced during National Wildlife Refuge Week in October, and recognized during our Refuge Road Re-opening Celebration on September 24, 2011.
9. Bear River Refuge staff and Friends of the Refuge Board Members are not eligible to enter.
10. Decisions made by Refuge staff coordinating the contest, along with the panel of judges, are final.



Recognition will be given to the winner in each of the six categories:



One overall **Best of Show** will be chosen and have their photo displayed on the Refuge website and the local newspaper, and First, Second and Third prize in each category will also be recognized and have their photos displayed at the Refuge and on the Refuge website. Also, special recognition will be given in a YOUTH category to photographers under the age of 18.

For more information, contact the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, 2155 West Forest Street, Brigham City, UT 84302, 435.734.6422, or email: bearriver@fws.gov. This poster can also be found on the Refuge's website at: www.fws.gov/bearriver

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Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Amateur Photo Contest Entry Form - 2012

Photographer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ ZIP _____

Email: _____

Category entered: (circle one)

Bird Life

Other Wildlife

Animal Behavior

Scenic

Creative Nature

Recreation/Education

Youth

Name of the Photo: _____

Date taken: _____

All information on this form MUST be provided